(c) Total paid up capital :

Rs. 100 lakhs, of which share-holding of

(a) Hindustan Salts Ltd., Rs. 60 lakhs,

(b) Government of Rajasthan : Rs. 40 lakhs.

(d) Climatic change in the Lake area rendering the Lake dry and business coupled with non-flow of water into the Lake from the rivers due to construction of Bunds/Dams have been main reasons for the downward slide in production and production and profitability of Sambhar Salts Ltd. Besides, floods during the year 1975 affected the production for the next four years.

The company has taken steps to increase the availability of brine including digging of bore wells etc., as a result of which the company has started making profits and the accumulated losses have come down from Rs. 147.60 lakhs as at the end of March, 1990 to Rs. 76.13 lakhs at the end of March, 1991.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The matter is under examination.

Assessment of Growth Centre Scheme

1229. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of the Growth Centre Scheme announced in June, 1988;

(b) if so, its outcome;

(c) the estimated cost of each Centre and the expenditure incurred thereon since the inception of the scheme;

(d) the basis for allocation of growth centres to the various States particularly those which have large industrially backward and tribal areas;

(e) whether Government have recently cleared proposals for establishing 64 Growth Centres for promoting industrialisation in backward areas of the country; and

(f) the particulars of the Centres to be located in Rajasthan particularly in its tribal areas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN) : (a) to (e) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 70 Growth Centres would be developed during the Eighth Five Year Plan. Allocation of these Growth Centres to the various States/Union Territories was made on the basis of population, area and the extent of industrial backwardness. Locations of 64 Centres have been finalised and announced.

Each Growth Centre would be set up at an estimated cost of Rs. 25—30 crores to be funded jointly by the Union Government, State Governments and financial institutions. So far 22 project reports have been approved and central assistance of Rs. 41 crores has been released. In addition, a provisional release of Rs. 10.50 crores has been made for project reports received before 31-12-1991.

(f) Rajasthan has been allotted 5 Growth Centres and their locations are as under:—

Name of the growth centre	District
1. Abu Road	Sirohi
2. Bhilwara	Bhilwara
3. Bikaner	Bikaner
4 Dholpur	Dholpur
5 Jhalawar	Jhalawar

Collaboration by foreign companies

1230. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that after the liberalisation of our economy, the foreign companies are not coming to India in large numbers as expected;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the total number of companise which collaborated with Indian companies after liberalisation and in which field ?